



BAD piece of news comes from the Pacific coast. Poor old John L. Sullivan has broken loose again. His friends are alarmed about his condition. He has begun

to drink heavily, and they fear that he will never be able to meet Slavin. They know that every time a man of his years rushes into excess the difficulty of getting back into good physical condition increases in rapid progression. Sullivan has made a fine record for comparative sobriety in the last five months, and all his friends hoped that he would take care of himself until he had defeated Slavin for the championship of the world. Sullivan informally conferred the title of champion on Slavin when the Australian called on him in the West last spring. This probably explains why Sullivan was so anxious to meet Slavin again. Unless the Big Fellow reforms at once the chances of his ever meeting Slavin are very slender indeed.

It is very likely that Sullivan will retire from the stage within a few days. His backers in the theatrical business are reported to have grown weary of spending money in the effort to prove that John is a great actor. Jack Barnitt, who was with the Sullivan-Harrison combination on their Australian tour, says that more than \$13,000 was sunk in that venture. The expenses were enormous. There were eleven persons in the company. At one hotel \$1,250 was charged for board for four persons for four days. At least that is the story. Now that John has tried to add the trade of authorship to his other accomplishments and has begun to interpellate drunken jests among his lines in "Honest Hearts and Willing Hands," the play has lost its power to draw. The best thing that could happen to Sullivan would be a compulsory retirement to some country place where he could hunt and fish for six months without any chance of dissipation. But who can compel John to do anything even for his own good? One alarming symptom about his present outbreak is that he has delusions of persecution. This looks bad. When men lose their mental balance and become a prey to that awful form of insanity known as melancholia, delusions of persecution are among the earliest symptoms. Sullivan's idea that newspaper writers are hounding him off the stage is all nonsense. Newspaper writers tell the truth about him, as they do about everybody else, and all that they want to see him behave himself and remain what he is, the greatest fighter America has ever produced.

THAT TWELVE CLUB CIRCUIT.

Indications That the Scheme May be Consummated at an Early Date.
New York, Dec. 7.—A statement made by President C. H. Byrne, of Brooklyn, to the effect that the arrangements for the twelve club League circuit had been practically finished, called forth some peculiar comments from certain American Association men. The Wagners, while denying that they had reached a settlement in Philadelphia with Reach and Rogers, admitted that if a majority of the Association clubs wished them to consolidate with the League club there they would do all in their power to bring that end about. This is in marked contrast to their statement of a month ago that they would not enter into peace negotiations under any consideration and would not sell out for \$75,000.

In the case of the Boston people it is well known that Prince wants to get out of base ball because of his unwillingness to put up any more money to run the Boston Reds. Baltimore and Washington have actually signed agreements to accept franchises in the new league, and have made preparations to withdraw from the Association at the proper time. It won't take much to buy out Columbus, and the restoration of Taylor and Jennings to the Louisville club might induce that organization to look upon the twelve club scheme more favorably.

Last but not least comes Von der Ahe, the "sly old rascal of baseball," as he has lately been dubbed. "Chris," while stating in stentorian tones that he is for war and the resurrection of the Association, is known to be in favor of the new scheme; in fact, he told John Ward so in his hearing during his last visit to New York, but he expressed fear at a possible vision of the "dinker-dink," which in baseball means the same as a "freeze out" or a "throw down." Von der Ahe all this time has been watching for a chance to get in out of the rain, and may at any moment come out boldly in favor of twelve clubs in the greatest organization baseball has ever been honored with.

When such men as Soden, Robison, Byrne and Brush try to pull a league scheme through it generally succeeds, and those individuals who are howling wildly against this excellent plan may find themselves in a surprising position some day, for there is every evidence just now that they will be disappointed in a short time.

BASE BALL GOSSIP.

The Brooklyn club has been too slow in dealing with Dan Drouthers and now he is lost to them.

Swartwood says it is harder to play good ball in a minor league than in a major league.

Al Buckenberger, acting for the Pittsburgh club, has signed "Red" Ehret as a pitcher.

Pitcher George Davies, of last season's Milwaukee, has signed with Cleveland.

The Dartmouth College players have already begun training in the base ball cage.

Fred Pfeiffer still draws his salary every month from the Chicago League club.

President Gillette has resigned the presidency of the Milwaukee club.

The Philadelphia club may sign "Long John" Reilly for first base.

Ed Hanlon and Connie Mack have just signed with Pittsburgh.

Anson has signed only four men for

next season, Cooney, Luby, Vickery and Schriver.

Manager Powers is on a still hunt for "phenoms."

J. Palmer O'Neil is now a life insurance agent.

Jerry Denny is wintering in Norwich, Conn.

Dunlap is open for an engagement.

Temple sold.
FRANKLIN, Pa., Dec. 7.—Miller & Sibley to-day sold to Charles Thompson, of St. Paul, Minn., the trotting stallion Tempter, a son of St. Hal, out of Nora Temple, 2:27, by Belmont, grand dam Madame Temple, the dam of the famous Flora Temple. The price paid was \$12,000. Tempter is entered in many rich stakes, including the Hartford \$10,000 and Spirit of the Times \$12,000 purse.

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSION.

Stirs Up the Contractors—Nobody to Blame for the Delay in the Work, but It Exists all the Same.

The electric light commission wanted to know last night who was to blame for the delay in the finishing of the electric light plant. The Wheeling Mining & Manufacturing Company, through its representative, D. R. Brooks, said it wasn't to blame; the Van Doren Construction Company denied that the fault lay with it, and the Fort Wayne Electrical Company was equally innocent. The burden of proof, however, lies with the last named concern. The contract for various parts of the machinery was sublet by it to different companies, and these companies, according to the statement of Architect E. R. Franzheim, have been very dilatory in sending on plans to show the location of the machinery. There is about a half bushel of plans on file in the architect's office, each subcontractor sending on a few. Mr. Brooks was unable to build the dynamo and engine foundations until he got complete plans of the floor space, and the plans in dribbles did him no good.

The Fort Wayne company finally sent the plans yesterday morning; Mr. Franzheim promised to furnish Mr. Brooks with a tracing of them to-day at noon, and Mr. Brooks said he thought he could have all his work

done in four days, if the weather continued favorable.

The original intention had been to place the engines on the floor, but Mr. Seeley thinking it preferable to have them independent, it was decided to build separate piers for the floor around the engine foundations. Mr. Brooks's bid of \$120 was accepted.

The original plans also contemplated an extra shafting at the south end of the building, which was not necessary at present, but could be used whenever the city decided to increase the number of lamps. The commission wavered awhile as to whether it would follow the original plans or not, and last night decided to have the shafting put in.

Mr. Brooks's company wanted some money, and a resolution was passed asking council to pay it \$2,000 on account. Applications are already coming in for positions in the electric light plant, but the commission decided not to fill any until they exist. The commission finally adjourned, with hopes that the stirring up the contractors had received would hasten the work.

DIED IN CHURCH.

A Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Falls Dead from Heart Failure at St. Clairville, Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

St. CLAIRVILLE, O., Dec. 7.—St. Clair, a sixteen-year-old son of Henry Morgan, residing two miles south of town, came in to church service Sunday evening, and attended the young people's meeting in the U. P. church. A union meeting was held in the Presbyterian church later, and the U. P. society went down in a body, young Morgan being one of their number. Just as he entered the vestibule he uttered a groan and fell dead. A few minutes before his death he seemed as well as usual, and no complaint was made by him at the time he entered the church. Heart failure was the cause. A post mortem examination was held Monday. The heart was very much enlarged on one side, while the other side was very small. Young Morgan was a bright boy, and was held in high esteem. He had been attending high school in this place the present term. The announcement of his death was not made until after the services were over.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The river was falling yesterday, with 18 feet in the channel.

The reports from above were:

Morgantown—3 inches and rising; snowy.

Brownsville—5 feet 7 inches and falling; cloudy and cold.

The Ben Hur got away for Parkersburg yesterday at 4 p. m.

The Andes was the Pittsburgh packet, and left the landing at 5 p. m.

The steamer Hudson and the Bedford will get away for Pittsburgh to-day at 8 a. m.

The Keystone will pass down for Cincinnati to-day at 8 a. m.—The Courier will leave for Parkersburg at 11:30 a. m.

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COUNTY BUSINESS.

Transacted by the Board of Commissioners Yesterday's.

ELECTION PRECINCTS TO BE MADE.

Under the New Law After a Careful Census of the City Districts—Road Surveyors Appointed—Routine Affairs of Various Characters.

At the meeting of the County Commissioners yesterday steps were taken to be ready next year to comply with the new state ballot law. The following was adopted:

1. In order to enable the Board to divide the different magisterial districts into election precincts as required by the act of the Legislature of March 11, 1891, the persons hereinafter named shall be employed to make an enumeration of the voters in the magisterial districts hereinafter specified.

2. Such enumeration shall be taken under the supervision of the respective local commissioners and in such a way as to afford when completed the following information:

The name and residence, by street and house number, of each voter.

The number of voters in each residence.

The total number of voters in each block, with boundaries of block.

The total number of voters in each magisterial district.

3. Books properly ruled and printed for taking the enumeration as above shall be furnished the enumerators by the clerk of the board.

4. The compensation of the enumerators shall be at the rate of two cents for each name enumerated.

5. The following persons shall be employed in the different districts:

Washington, Edward Costello.

Madison, Percy Hamilton.

Clay, Eugene Hanke.

Union, James T. Gray.

Centre, Daniel Hughes.

Webster, Daniel Hughes and John Weisgerber.

Ritchie, A. J. Schultze.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The finance committee was authorized to have the Terminal subscription bonds printed and to sell them.

On recommendation of the committee on roads and bridges bills aggregating \$2,292.61 were ordered paid. F. Schenck & Son were granted permission to put a gate across the road at their abattoir, for convenience in handling stock.

Bills were ordered paid out of the contingent poor fund to the amount of \$808.18, and on account of the poor house and farm of \$492.13. There were sixty-eight inmates in the infirmary in November. There was one death in the month.

On recommendation of Architect Giesey the galvanized iron turrets on the jail and jailers' residence were ordered changed to stone, at an increased cost of \$370.

Bills from the court house and jail committee were ordered paid to the amount of \$893.13.

A petition from the assistant janitor of the court house for an increase of pay from \$50 to \$60 a month on account of the change from gas to coal fuel was referred.

A bill of Colonel Curtis's estate of \$16.50 for services as local health officer was referred to the county board of health.

A right of way was granted the city water board to lay a four-inch pipe along the Peninsular road and across the Fulton bridge to F. Schenck & Son's slaughter house.

ROAD SURVEYORS.

The annual appointment of road surveyors was made, as follows:

Richland district—Precinct 1, Thomas J. Garden; 2, J. M. McCulloch; 3, William Greer; 4, A. T. McCulloch; 5, Ezekiel McLaughlin; 6, John E. Smith; 7, David Hercules; 8, F. W. Luckel; 9, Eugene Ridgely; 10, J. W. Bruner; 11, Joseph Myers; 12, George Hartleib; 13, R. M. Lazenby; 14, Bernard Curran; 15, James Stewart; 16, N. Strawn; 17, John Leybeyer; 18, J. W. McCulloch; 19 (new precinct), Charles Nagle; Bethany Pike, W. M. Hutchinson.

Triadelphia district—Precinct 1, Graham Buchanan; 2, Samuel Abercrombie; 3, John Ebert; 4, Brice Supler; 5, John Keiger; 6, Christian Nielson; 7, James Robinson; 8, Nehemiah Nickerson; 9, James Burkert; 10, William Imer.

Liberty district—Precinct 1, S. R. Kelly; 2, James Howard; 3, R. M. Maxwell; 4, Benjamin Leach; 5, James McCann; 6, Thomas Smith; 7, James Rogers; 8, William B. Vermillion; 9, B. F. Yates; 10, George Morrison, Jr.

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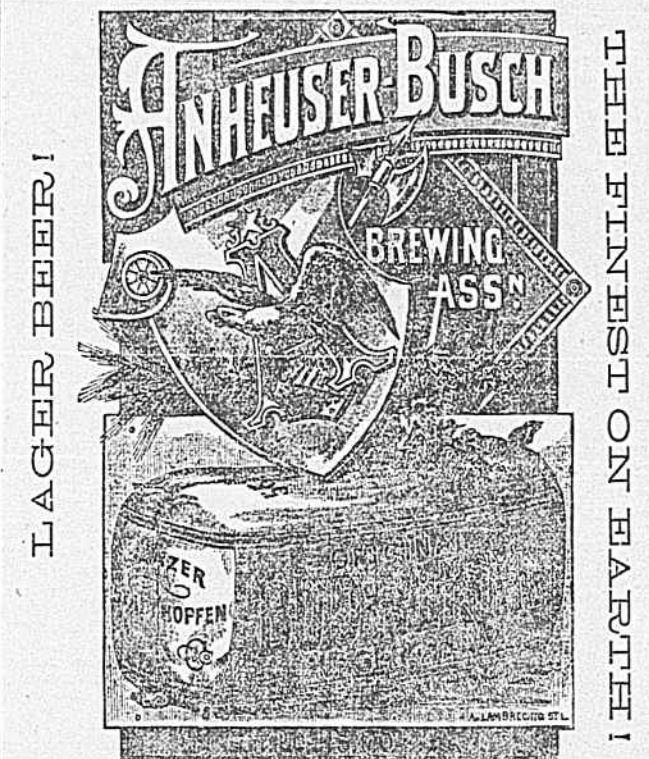
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